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The reply brief filed December 8, 2003 has been entered and considered.

Although omitted from the Examiner's Answer, claim 15 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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